

have been identified as an undescribed *Diadegma* (Plate K) species, very close to *D. armillatum* (Gravenhorst) (det. Klaus Horstmann). Dr Shaw reports that this is probably a widespread parasitoid with a broad host range. Rather similar wasps have been reared from other geometrid moths including the Double-striped Pug *Gymnoscelis rufifasciata* and the Horse Chestnut *Pachycnemia hippocastanaria*.

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### **The Status of Hoary Footman *Eilema caniola* (Hb.) (Lep.: Arctiidae) on Anglesey**

Following the record of a single Hoary Footman *Eilema caniola* at South Stack on 23 August 2000, I suggested the possibility that the species might still be resident at this site (*Ent. Rec.* **112**: 251). To investigate this suggestion, Doug Murray arranged a field meeting of the British Entomological and Natural History Society at the site for 18 August 2001. Doug Murray, Steve Hind, Sam Thomas, John Harold and myself attended the meeting. The day was very wet, but the heavy rain subsided as darkness approached. Four m.v. Skinner traps were established around the upper car parks at the site, and the overcast conditions led to a good catch. Highlights included the Anomalous *Stilbia anomala*, a single Haworth's Minor *Celaena haworthii* and good numbers of Dark Sword-grass *Agrotis ipsilon*. At 10:30 pm, Sam found a single *E. caniola* on the outside of one of my traps. This was a somewhat odd individual, with a deformed wing. Shortly afterwards I found a second, pristine example on the grass adjacent to my second trap. *Agrotis ipsilon* is a migrant and hence we cannot completely rule out the possibility that the *E. caniola* were also migrants. However, the capture of these two specimens, together with the single individual from the same site in 2000 and the records from Snowdonia by David Brown (*Ent. Rec.* **113**: 17) add further weight to the suggestion that Hoary Footman is still resident at various sites within North Wales, and in particular at the South Stack RSPB reserve.— ADRIAN WANDER, 16 Bramhall's Park, Anderton, Northwich, Cheshire CW9 6AH.

### ***Hypoconera punctatissima* (Roger) (Hym.: Formicidae) re-discovered outdoors in a Northamptonshire garden**

In 1991 I reported removing a winged queen *Hypoconera punctatissima* from my beard after coming in from the garden of my house in the rural village of Hemington, Northamptonshire, (grid reference TL O91852) on 25 August 1990 (*Ent. Rec.* **103**: 97-98). At that time, although my garden compost heap was regarded as a possible source, no further specimens could be found. In the